

EXHIBIT C



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

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VIA Email: foia@democracyforward.org

Ms. Josephine Morse
Democracy Forward Foundation

Re: Freedom of Information Act Tracking Numbers **19-01643-F, 19-01684-F, 19-01687-F, 19-01688-F, 19-01689-F, 19-01690-F & 19-01691-F**

Dear Ms. Morse:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your electronic Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) dated November 9, 2018, in which you stated the following: On October 23, 2018, the Washington Post published a story revealing that in a stark departure from past practice four longtime civil-service applicants to serve as Veterans Law Judges (VLJ) on the VA's Board of Veterans Affairs (BVA) were rejected after the White House required them to disclose their party affiliations as well as social media & other documentation of their participation in the political process.

You also stated that, in an effort to understand and explain to the public the selection process for VLJ's and the role of partisanship therein, Democracy Forward is requesting the following: 1) Any & all communications between any appointee, employee or contractor at the VA & any email address ending in the suffix cop.whitehouse.gov concerning; a) The application & selection process for William Donnelly, Evan Weichert, Cynthia Skow & Lauren Cryan to be appointed VLJ's or, b) The application selection process whereby Karen Kennerly, David Gratz, John Hutcheson & Jebby Rasputnis were not appointed VLJ's. You asked also to include any and all application materials from any of the named candidates, among other communications concerning the application & selection process.

The FOIA Service received your request on November 13, 2018, and assigned it FOIA tracking numbers **19-01643-F, 19-01684-F, 19-01687-F, 19-01688-F, 19-01689-F, 19-01690-F & 19-01691-F**. Please refer to these numbers when communicating with the VA about your request.

The records you have requested, if they exist, maybe maintained in the BVA, Office of Labor Management Relations (LMR), Office of Human Resources & Administration (OHRA), Office of the General Counsel (OGC), Office of the Executive Secretary (OES), the Office of Public & Intergovernmental Affairs (OPIA) and the Office of Congressional & Legislative Affairs (OCLA). Your request has been directed to the attention of Ms. Margaret Peake, Timothy Woodard, Ms. Karmen Young, Ms. Renee Baxter, Mr. Richard Ha, Ms. Anita Major and Ms. Regina Mack-Abney at the following addresses:

Department of Veterans Affairs
Attention: Ms. Margaret Peak
Board of Veterans Appeals
810 Vermont Avenue, NW - VACO (01C1)
Washington, DC 20420
Email: bva.foia@va.gov
Phone: (202) 632-5435
Fax: (202) 343-1422

Questions regarding the status of records from BVA (**19-01643-F**) should be directed to Ms. Peak.

Department of Veterans Affairs
Attention: Mr. Timothy Woodard
Labor Management Relations
810 Vermont Avenue, NW - VACO (LMR 10AR)
Washington, DC 20420
Email: vacolmrfoia@va.gov
Phone: (202) 461-5421
Fax: (202) 461-4075

Questions regarding the status of records from LMR (**19-01684-F**) should be directed to Mr. Woodard.

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Department of Veterans of Affairs
Attention: Ms. Teresa L. Days
Office of Assistant Secretary for Human Resources & Administration (006) VACO
810 Vermont Avenue
Washington, DC 20420
Phone: (202) 461-7754
Facsimile: (202) 273-4914
Fax: (202) 343-1422

Questions regarding the status of records from HRA (19-01687-F) should be directed to Ms. Davis.

Department of Veterans Affairs
Attention: Renee Baxter
Office of the General Counsel (026H) VACO
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420
Email: ogcfoiarequests@va.gov
Phone: (202) 461-7860
Facsimile: (202) 273-9299

Questions regarding the status of records from OGC (19-01688-F) should be directed to Ms. Baxter.

Department of Veterans Affairs
Attention: Mr. Richard Ha
Office of the Executive Secretary (001B) VACO
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420
Email: osvafoia@va.gov
Phone: (202) 632-5286
Facsimile: (202) 273-4880

Questions regarding the status of records from OES (19-01689-F) should be directed to Mr. Ha.

Department of Veterans Affairs
Attention: Ms. Anita Major
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public & Intergovernmental Affairs (002) VACO
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420
Phone: (202) 461-6448
Facsimile: (202) 495-5228

Questions regarding the status of records from OPIA (19-01690-F) should be directed to Ms. Major.

Department of Veterans of Affairs
Attention: Ms. Regina Mack-Abney
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Congressional & Legislative Affairs (009) VACO
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420
Phone: (202) 461-6459
Facsimile: (202) 273-6792
This concludes the FOIA Service's response to your request.

Questions regarding the status of records from OCLA (19-01691-F) should be directed to Ms. Mack-Abney.

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We appreciate your interest in the VA. If you have any further questions concerning this letter, you may contact Ms. Joan Haynesworth of my staff at (202) 632-8466.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doloras Johnson", is written over the typed name.

Mrs. Doloras Johnson
Director, VACO FOIA Service
Office of Privacy Information and Identity Protection (PIIP)
Quality, Privacy, and Risk (QPR)
Office of Information and Technology (OIT)